

PUBLISHED DAILY AND TRI-WEEKLY BY MEDGAR ENOWDEN:

SATURDAY EVEN'O., DECRMBER 20.

Some even of the really independent newspapers of the North condemn the recent section of the Maine returning board. This is rather singular; for if there is one thing for which these same papers pride themse'ves more than for another it is their invariable support of the said : I desire to state that in my remarks on law, whether that law be right or wrong, and nothing is meree much then to see in their columns commendatory allusions to General Grant's plagiers, to the effect that the best way to secure the repeal of an of jectionable law is to excepte rigorously all its provisions. Now, it is possible that the majority of the voters in people of Virginia to give that people good gov. Maine east their failets for the Rebublican candidates, but it is certain that there were legal defects in the returns, and as the defects were apparent to the returning board, the Mr. Jeffer on, 'Is he honest, and is he camembers of that board had to do what they pable?' My statements yesterday that were did or elso perjure themselves, for they had sworn to execute the law. They were justified by law if not by equity, and for that reason de- man whose name has been mentioned for that serve the approval rather than the represent of effice in this House. I desire it distinctly un the journals to which we refer.

In the Virginia House of Delegates last Thursday, during a debate on the question of the election of a judge for Botetourt county, Mr. Bailey, a readjuster, said he was entirely willing to let the nominee of the caucas of his party be elected, though he was cognizant of which I belong, and for the satisfaction of mythat beminee's unfirmess for the position, he self. I am prepared to say now, that from the would be prevented by the "silent monitor" lights before me, I will have no hesitation in from voting for him. This principle, carried giving my vote to the young man, Mr. Mays, to a logical conclusion, would allow Mr. Bailey Virginia from the greatest it jury that could be reached in the House, Bir. Ficklin, the dele- with his action last year, when he was up on inflicted upon her, and that, too, when the gate from that county, who was so weak from means to defend her were at his disposal. If all of Mr. Bailey's party of tertain his pricciples | wasted it to go down on record that the delothen tru'y have evil times fallen upon poor old gate representing Buckingham knew nothing Virginia.

At an indignation meeting held at Augusts, Maine, last night, Mr. Blaine was loud in his denunciation of the returning board of that State for rejecting election returns on account of miner informalities on the part of the officers making them. And yet but faw among all the in that caunty. I am here to present the name large party will be given, and during Christmas radical party were many complate than this same Mr. Bearing of the recently attained to full citizenship.

same Mr. Bearing in their cadersement of the outrageous action of the Louisiana returning been cur equally large since the adoption of our its great rival, of the Riehmond German club. outrageous action of the Louisiana returning board, in rejecting the votes of whole parishes, not for minor informalities, for they were made | if a popular vet; were taken in that county toaccording to law, but for the sole reason that day and if every man over its broad area were blace. It is understood that W. W. Newman. their receptance would have given the presidence to Mr. Tilden. Verify this age apother balls or under the cottage roofs, these who dwell in the lordly from this district, will be one of his clerks, balls or under the cottage roofs, these who held look Newman, who started out with flying colsizes effrontery, and the radical party supplies | the same views that I do upon a more question | trs for the place of Second Auditor, has been the priests who perform the service.

General Grant wants American consuls to be untax d, there would not be twenty five votes in that county east against Judge Hill. I say, the agents of American business houses. The knewleg the people from one end of the county consular system is bad enough as it is, but to to the other, that I have never met or heard make it the means of creating monopolies at the peris to which the coustle are sent would tion of cremm tances Judge Hill would not be be to risk it still lower in the public estimation.

Scribar's Magazine for January has been received from its publishers in New York. Among its continus are the following: The United States L.fr Saving Service; Suices with Small Freis; Young Artise's Life to New York; The Grandisames; The Acadians of Louisiana; Confidence; A Revolutionary Congressman on Horseback; Thirzy; Amer can Arms and Ammunition; A "Personal, and What Came of It; and a fu'll editorial department.

The December number of the American reprint of Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine has been received from its publishers, the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York, It contents are: Theatrical Reform ; Reats, or What's in a Nama; Progress; Bush Life in Quecosland; Old Squires and New; Thu Broads and Hivers of Norlo'k and Suffolk ; A Liberal Address; Political Rabics; The Late John Blackwood.

FOREIGN NEWS.

King John, of Atyssinia, will treat for peace with Eapyt. The situation of the British troops in Af

ghanistan is unchanged. Gen. Roberts is strongly entracehed at Shirnur. The preclamation of the Emperor of Austria

is thought to be a guarantee of continued peace The cossation of quarantine for vessels from certain ports of the United States to I'a'y has

been ordered. The distress caused by the famine in Upper Silesia during the past month has increased, and is intensified by the typhoid fever.

The British government has granted pensions of 500 peuces annually to the widow and 100

nounds to the mother of the late Mejor Louis Cavagnari, who was murdered at Cabul. A reasarion has been caused in Spain by the

retusal of the Premier to allow the serenading of the French envoys, the government fearing a repetition of the reputlican demonstration mony the invited guests repaired to the at Barcelona and Valladolid.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Bishop Pinkney has inhibited Rev. A. G. Mertimer, who was assisting Rev. Dr. Rrankin et St. Inke's Chuich, from fuither adminis. tration in his diocese.

Mr. A. J. D. exel, the well known banker of Phiadelphia gave a reception vesterday evening at his residence in West Philadelphia, to Gen. and Mrs. Grant. Oue thousand invitation were issued, and at least 700 ladies and gentlemen attended.

An indignation meeting was held last night in Augusta, Me., to protest against the action of the Governor and council in changing the political complextion of the Legislature. Senator Blaine made a speech in which he charged that there was a conspiracy to change the result and deprive the people of their choice.

Assault and Robbery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.-Frederick C. Werner, who said that he was a resident of Long Island City, reported to the chief of police to day that his house had been robbed and his wife assault

From Bienmond.

RICHMOND, Dec. 20.-The Lagislative will resumed the grinding out of county judges which had been disarcanged by a boulder thrown into the hopper that was too large even for the guttapetche capacities of the dominant faction, had been randjusted and creased in order Then round went the barrs again, and Mr. Robert Wylie was put upon Giles and Bland; Culpoper; W. A. Perkins, for Cumberland and Powhaian.

Bulord, of Brunswick, was not in ucmination by Collins, colored, of Brunswick, who stated that he ought to know Mr. Buterd, as that gentleman was once his master.

D. S. Mays was elected over the prosect in cumbent, Judge W. D. Simmons, for Botetour!. Mr. Bailey, of Washington, who on the previous day refused to support Mays, saying that "a sceret monitor here" (putting his hand on his breast) teld him "it is not right," yesterday I may have done and did perhaps do injustice to the gentleman who had been nominated for the position of county judge of Botetourt. In my course, Mr. Speaker, I was actuated by the highest motives and principles of public rolley. I held that the new party of which I am an humble member, and that has now steeped into power, awas it to the whole ecrament, and I for one shall endcaver in all my ac ions in this body to place no man in posicion if I know it who cannot answer to the two great questions which were propounded by Augusta have been misconstruid, as if it was a purpose on my part to reflee: upon the soung derstood, that what I said then was upon a to say now that this matter has been fully investigated-not so much for the satisfaction of the gentlemen on the other side, for wo don't expect to sairs!y gentlemen on the other sidebut for the satisfaction of the great party to for judge of Batateart." [Appleuse on the new purty side.

illness that he had to support bimself on his desk while speaking, in a low tone, said he of the person who was proposed for judge of that people, and was not even consulted as to

who is the choice of his people.
"I would like to ask" he said, addressing cesord with your views of propriety for the people of Buckingham and Cumberland to olcot by Miss Thomas. To-night the Mosaic Club's a judge for the counties of New Keat and entertainment is crowded. At the residence of Charles City against the protests of every man a well known citizens, New Year's night, a present constitution. I say here, upon my individual and representative responsibility, that of an hour, if they are resejusters or funders, spealled republicans, Indians taxed or Indians that man who dreamed that under any condiretained in the position of county judge." p sking of the man elected Mr. Ficklin said: If he is learned in the law to the end of admonistrative justice then Chief Justice Cordwell

Hall was nomicated by a negro member from

another county.

The citizens of Buckingham sent a perition igned by 800 names for the retention of the iscuratest, Judge J. C. Hill, who was for two terms member of Congress. The petition was signed by Hall, who pledged himself in the district convention to vote for Fick in and Pettit. the Conservative candidates

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Smith, of Alexandria, reported from the committee the bill introduced by him a few days since to incorporate the Moust Verson railroad company. Among the bills, resolutions & .. introduced in the House were the following: At to when the term of office of the judges of the State of Virginia expire under the Constitution and laws of the State; that it is deemed by this General Assembly to be in accordance with the public isterest to repeal the law regulating the traffic in Equar known as the Moff it register law, and to return to the system of specific license texes on the sale of liquors, and that the Finance Committee of the two Hous's report a bill or bills to carry this resolution into affice; and a bill to authorize the town of Herndon, in Fairfax, to organize a separate school district, nocompanied by a petition of Fairfaxers asking

the passage of such a bill. THE MARRIAGE OF COL. BRADFORD. - The marriago of Col. S. S. Bradford with Miss Faculty Baitle took rices Thursday, the ISth instant, in St. Thomas' Church, at Orango C. II. At the appointed hour, two p. m., the bridal party entered the church. The bride was attended by her brother-in-law, Judge Granden, of New York, and was given away by him. She was dressed in traveling costume-plum colored eashmere, trimmed with velvet-and looked very pretty. As attendants to the groom were Dr. D. C. Gordon and Col. Thomas Smith, of Watrenton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Hansborough, pastor of the church. assisted by Rav. P. Slaughter, D. D., and Rev. E. Wall, of Culpeper. After the coreresidence of Captain Robert Stanard, another brother-in-law of the bride, where they partook of an elegant collation. At 50) p. m. the bridal party left for Washington on the Morth bound mail train. The Colonel and his happy bride have our but wish. Among the guests were Judge and Mrs. Bell, Col. and Mrs. Meade, Mrs. and Miss Nelson, Miss Brisie Green, Mr. and Miss Gray, Mr. Tray. Daniel, Mrs. Emack, Misses Daisy and Byrd Thompson, Maj. Stanard, Angus M. Green, eq. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Geo. Thompson and Miss Eliza Thompson, of Culpeper, Dr. Bragford, of Washington, Senator Morgar, of Alabame, Dr. Gordon and Col. Smith, of Warrenton, Ray, Mr. McGill, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Wood, of Brandy

Anglo-French Control in Egypt.

Station. - Culpeper Times.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec'r. 10.-It is officially an ounced that all the powers which are parties to the present judicial system in Egypt have sanc-tioned the decree making the Rothschild mortgages the first charge on the surrendered Khedival estates This removes the last obstacle to Angio-French financial control in Egypt.

Crushed to Death.

FITTSTON, PA., Dec. 20 -By a fall of a roof the house had been robbed and his wife assault and stabbed by a hired man, (a German,) in the Pennsylvania Coal Company's No. 4 whom he had recently taken from Castle Garden and John Mitchell badly injured. Letter from Bichmond.

RICHMOND, D.e. 19 .-- Much comment has been caused by the action of the Logis'ature again yesterday from the grist furnished by to day is turning out the venerable Judge Hil. the readjusters' caucus, and after the machinery, of Bockingham. A good many of the citizens is at present under the control of Misses Reckexpressed great indignation at this action on the part of the Legislature. All parties and to go through, was repaired by the causes. colors were unanimous in their desires that To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Judge Hill should be retained. What makes the matter the more galling to the people of F. E. Baford, on Brunswick; Alexander S. The matter the more galling to the people of Hall, on Buckingham; F. N. Welch had no Buckingham is the fact that young Hall, the opposition for Caroline; Isaac Wobb, for Car | man put in his place, was nominated by a nerol; A. L. Vacuess, for Charlotte; J. M. gro delegate from another county. Judge Hill Gregory, for Chesterfield; J. W. Bell, for was eighty years of ago, and had been judge of Constitution.

Thus far seventeen judges have been elected, and out of this number but four of the present incumbents are retained, and of those four, three are readjusters [so called,] and the other one is a conscrvative, Ferrar, of Amelia, whe, of the colored men for re election.

It is understood that the newly elected judge of Bath and Highland is the tather in law of Mr. Frezier, of Rockbridge. Three members have some who are pages; the courin of another who is a senator has been made judge, and the cousin of another senator is a prospective judge

The vote for the Christmas recess passed by the readjusters really means an adjournment for three weeks, during which time the pay runs on. This is the longest rocess the Legislatura has taken for many years.

So for the debt question has not been touched, and no resolution affecting it has been in-

troduced. The Meffett register law seems to be doomed. that law and none in its defence. It seems to have great enemies on both siles of the House. The law is confessed to be full of defects, even by these who were its advocates Judge Christian, of the Richmond Hustings Court, who tried as hard as a man could to enforce the law, basis peculiar and alone to myself. What I at last said it was defective and needed further said then I said from knowledge which alone af-feeted my conscience and my convictions. I desire Dr. Meffett, has maintained a studious silence on the subject. If the Legislature should ica tain the Moffett register as a means of collecting revenue, it will speadily be adented by several States who are now waiting to see what Virgicia will do with the law. It is now in operation in saveral states, Texas among others. If it is repealed here, of ocurse, that kills its chances elsewhere.

It has been mere than once remarked that as not yet made anything like a speech on the floor of the House. This is in striking contrast

Mr. Frezier, of Rockbridge, sooms to by the jeader of the readjustment party [so called] in the House.

During the Christmas week the gaiety will begin here. Up to this time the gay smson has been anything but gay.

The advent of the Legislature and its raveis in full blast.

Parson Massie returned to the city to day. He is now waiting to step in his new made compelled at last to come down to a clerkship. STRONGBOW.

Lefter from Falls Courch.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazatie.] without its literary would be like home without a step mother, nothing to make the old man toe the mark and induce the children to step did the African when first landed or these around lively. In religion, politics, color, s'z sex and every other particular in which a dit. ference can be found, we have differences; all, save one-in the literary we are a unit. For we have not yet developed any opeque pacis like Walt Whitman, or brilliant historians like the editor of the Elk Ran Gazatte, but in quantity craciam as a people living in a rarrified atmes phere like ours can support, and that is the truth and intelligence, but rather on the sandy reason I presume that the editor of the carried his pondrous brain from our elevated location down to the senside; there was less exygen there and he had better opportunities to see a man.

Wednesday, the 17th instant, we had our second lee ure. The exercises were opened by Miss Mineie Adams reading "Sharon Melean's Wedding," which she rendered in a fine clear voice, natural tone, and perfect enunciation, making herself heard in every part of the room, notwithstanding the hall is so large it is difficult for ladics without training to fill it. Her recitation was followed by the assourcement that we were to have "The Pirate's Screnade," by four fierce pirates. lastantly the legiuce room door opened and in marched a motly quartette. The first bere a strong resemblance to an cscaped Pawnee with the carbine of a defunct envalryman. The second bearing alofe the flag of the crew looked like the admiral of the canal pavy, while the flag, instead of being black, had that peculiar blue b'ack, with a tinge of rustines, so often seen under the eye of so many ous attention to my defence of the poor Chinese tain a sentiment and of Judge Snell's patross. The third carrying in this latitude, but hope for a better fate cut public opinion quite what might have been mistaken for a log of chooy, but which turned cut to be a small mounted howitzer, locked like a disciple of John Kuex en a rampage, and if he had only had the book of discipline in his left hand, might have been mistaken for his chief. The fourth brandishing a sword in dangerous proximity to the chandeliers, had a dejected lock very much lize the representative of the democratic paper the day after he heard the returns from Ohio. But if there was a lack of harmony in their appearance, what can be said of their musical Each appeared to be singler an independent song to an independent tune in a different key and the discord can only be likened to the chorus chimed by Thomas Felis when he goes courting. As a scare these fierce pirates were not a succ:sa; their appearance seemed to have a different effect and excited the risibility of the audience to such a degree that some went into convulsions and shook their shoes off. As a travesty en epirabouffait was a decided suc-

Mrs. E. C. Davis then delivered her lectura on "Mental Calture." It was more interesting than philosophical, being confined principally to a carrative of experiences in teaching the young idea how to shoot, and the difficulties encompassing the teacher in her efforts to iluminate the mind of the American Indian with whom she was for a time thus engaged. Her languige was good and well selected, showing ability and good judgment, and that her lecture was appreciated was evident from the oless attention given her by the audience.

Four gentlemen, in citizens dress, bustearing striking resemblance in size, action and voice, to the four ficres pirates, then sing "Speed Away" which the audicres taking for an invitation to leave west away with all the speed possible.

Mrs. Nellie Mercoy, a very aged and infirm old old lot of Virginia d ferred was sold at 6.

lade, one of the old residents of the vicinity, [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazatta.] [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette] died on the 15th icetant, and was buried in the

old church ground. Under some arrangement the school was opened as a public re'sool on the 5th instant, how long it will configue remains to be seen. It from Buckingham were in the city to day and | well and Perker as teachers with a good attendance.

The Proscribed Chinese.

There are things in our land, perhaps, mer. worthy of serious consideration than that of be ing gazatted for public office, or at belonging to some political ring, wherein sentiment all runs one way, or of riding it to efficial place on some evenescent hobby. I observe there is a drift the county since the adoption of the present just at this time setting very strong against a class of people row in our country which ought to be condemned. Therefore, allow me to say a word in behalf of the "prescribed Chinesu" in free America. Shall we admit "all the world and the rest of mankind" in our midst, and got seek to explude a people who rank next baying put negroes on his jury, was the cheice to the Cancasian race, and belong to the most ascient government now existing on earth-a people who possess a full knowledge of the useful and practical arts, whose internal tradic and topage is said to exceed in value and amount that of the balacce of the world combined, with a governmental policy that sustains a greater population to the square mile than any other--all readjusters [so called,] This judgeship a condition laid down by publicists and political business is really becoming a family affair. | conomists as an indubitable proof and test of conomists as an indubitable proof and test of good government, and one that has maintained itself and prospered; a nation by works of internal improvements in the remote past, yet the wonder of the world, ranging through and ever an almost l'abulous period of time, incomparably greater than any other known to history; the carliest in astronomical discoveries and science, and in the practical arts, (art is science reduced to practice,) dating back to a From several quarters resolutions and bills have period when the world, except, perhaps, ancibeen filed in the Legislature, all aimed against out Egypt and India, was wrapped in cimmerian darkness. Meanwhile Rabylon and Nineweh rose, ran their course of grandeur and fell. The Persian empire ranged through many ceaturies of renown. The Hellenie States first and then the Roman empire-Pagan and Christiau-became in turn the glory of the carth; but for from twelve hundred to two thousand yours these governments and systems have passed into history, while the Chinese people and polity have out lived them all. When this country and its people shall have

passed through so vast a period of time and subjected their system to the usual trials and mutations of human effairs, and shall come out anything like as well, they will have cause to rejoice. Netwithstanding an exclusive and non intercourse policy-which, after all, may be founded in the deepest political wirdow, as Dr. Moffett has been very quiet this year. He that sooms to have been the main cause of Mongol preservation, the ports of China are, and have been for centuries, besieged by a clamorous world, demanding a share of their sur; las products and valuable trade; they being the while self poised and self-sustaining within their own borders, by their own products and resources, the result of their ewa industry and skill, which is manifold and truly wonders ful. As a people they may be classed among

the greatest economists, the best of cooks, which latter is a proof of high civilization, and lutionary policy cast a great cloud over Rich the most skillful laborers anywhere to be found. Speaker Lasy of New Kent, "how it would mond society circles. Christmas eve night there They are enterprising, and voluntarily sock our will be the largest party of the season, given shores-a fact in itself that should beget them consideration and kindly treatment, and are not shipped here as merchandise, as the progecitors of another race now in our midst were, but who have recently attained to full citizonship. nese? who have shown themse'ves to be proemisently worthy and uteful at home and abroad.

The causade now being waged against those, of this mest remarkable people, in cur country is unworthy Americans and the "Declaration" hat "all men are created equal, Where, comes this opposition? It seems to me it is because of a difference in religious contiment and the mode of divine weiship from that of Christians, and yet our fundamental law allows every man to dispharge those duties, so to speak, according to the dictates of consciouse and one's own judgment, and that no religious test FALLS CHURCH, Dec. 19.-Falls Church shall ever be required as a qual-fination for clfice and citizensi ip under the Government of the United States. The aboricinal Indian days sheres, neither do the Jaws, of whom there are many in our country. Not even the Mermors, or "latter day saints," now eccupying whole sections of territory within our borders, do so, Are we affaid of a handful of Chinese laborers overthrowing our highly applauded system of government, or of demoralizing our respleand we have as much brains to the square such of their much vaunted superior civilization? If so, these things rest not on the rock of virtue, foundation of vice, error and ignoranc; then let them slide. "Oh yo of little faith" may aptly he applied to all such. "Live and let live is a principle beautifuly, and, I hope, ineralioably incorporated in the warp and woof of our political life and system. If the people of the proscribed race must go, let it be as they came -voluntarily. On this subject I might say more, but may have already over that the nearly as bad as turning out the maimed Confederate soldier, doorkeeper at Richmond, Va. "Man's inhumanity to man." while it, "makes conotless themsands moure," is disgusting in

any form. In conclusion your readers' months have recently been spread s) wide over "Chasteur's" predicted blowing up of the State Capitol in December, 1880, &c., and your own comments on the modesty of W. C. B's, application for the Alexandria Judgeship, or that of some good county. I cannot hope to command seri- to establish and main-West and on the Pacific slopes and coast, when all may join in "the universal prayer," and say "Father of all, in every age,

In every clime adered. By saint, by sayage, and by sage, Jehovah, Jove, or Lord; Yet give me, in this dark estate, To see the good from ill, And hinding nature fast in fate, Left free the human will.

A Curiosity of the Malls The following poetical address was on a letter lately received by a young lady of this city. It came from Washington, D. U .:

To Miss B---- S. B---With the speed of a recket. Let this epistle be steered. Seven miles down the stream, Where the Potomae's waves gleam, Is where she was born and reared. Alexandria's the city,

She is lively and witty-

She is not a brunette, but a blonde. In Virginia she dwells, And is one of the belles ; Of peanuts and taffy she's fond. Os Washington Street you will find her to be, The number-yes-I am sure-Sixty-three. P. M. please attend,

And hasten this quick'y to her. If you do, Sir, to you A obromo I'il send, And thank you most kindly, Dear, Sir,

At the Baltimere Stock Board yesterday, Virginia coupons maturing January 1, 1880, way' which the audictee taking for an invition to leave weet away with all the speed
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tion have of late occupied a large share of publie attention. As bearing upon radical changes in its (reasization and management recently inaugurated, the following will be read with in

A Comparison of two Publications in the hands of the Members of the Legislature.

"Report of the Exec-"Virginia Agricultural ntive Committee for the and Mechanical Col-Board of Visitors of the legs-Report of Comlegs-Report of Com-Virginia Agricultural mittee on Roorganizaand Mechanical Coltion. Adopted Nov'r. This report is signed In this pamphlet it

by Wm. Eggleston, Rec-does not appear to

tor; D. Bullins; C. L. whom it is addressed, C. Minor, President; by whom it is approved Chas. W. Button, Ex-or by whom it was orecutive Committee, for dered to be printed. The the Board of Visitors Report is signed by Jno. Of the last commence- A. Meredith, Wm. B. ment, in August, it says Paliaferre, Fitzhugh "a far larger crowd as- Loc. sembled than ever besembled than ever before to witness the cere
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speaks of "military disfrom the Governor of cipline" where the true

the State. He remained words of the record are four days at the Col-"strict military disci-lege, and expressed free pline," and the copy ly his strong approval provides for a "Presi-of the evidence given of dent" where the true good culture and good record provided for a "Superintendent" Appended to the re- These two words were

port is the following, especially criticised by the newspapers of the State when the record

The Soard of Visitors in the Dispatch of the of the Virginia Agricul-tural and Mechanical The number of stutural and Mechanical The number of stu-College, composed in dents is given, first year part of now members re-list, second year 197, centlyappointed, at their lest session in Lynch-pear 225, fifth year 224, burg, proceeded to in-sixth year 186, seventh vestigate the condition year 160. It is repre-cif the institution. Be-sented that there has lieving that impressions been a reduction in the not only erronous but number of students from injurious to this State 160 in its seventh year ir jurious to this State 160 in its seventh year College had been made to 99 in the present. The upon the public mind, real reduction has been which justice to all con just nine and a half per cerned demanded cent from last year's should be removed the matriculates up to the Board directed the undersigned, as a comforty-three new students mittee to publish a card this session against thirembodying the result of ty-four last session. The their inquiries.
The board is satisfied "This great falling off that the condition of the in the number of stu-College is good and im-dents induced the Board proving. It is gratify- to investigate the subing to them to state that ject. ** * * * After the differences hereto-careful inquiry, the fore existing they be Board came to the conliner to be happily ad-clusion that the marked

justed, and that in fu-decrease in the number ture harmony and cor- of students is due to a dial co-operation will defective organization distinguish all connect of the College, and an ed with the management inefficient system of disof the College.
The number of students has diminished. but it is thought that this is rather the result of the stringency of the times than any distrust of the efficiency and

asofulness of the institution. A careful comparison with other Colleges in the State and elsewhere develops the fact that the ratio of decrease is less than in most of the other institutions within the same period.

The Board feels justi As to the objects of find after these inquiries the institution this reto commend the College port says that, besides the support and con- the provision hitnerto fidence of the people of made for the wants of the State, and respect farmers and michanics, fully asks the tross, degrees "should like-which havalways shown wise be awarded for diso much interest in the tinction in those courses institution, to publish of study necessary to this card.

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the above card are the states at the respect to the results and the states of the very different states of the very different states of the respect to the very different states of the very d has been menter on College education!

The diplomas conforthe Goard's proceedings in August, and in No vember has been the approach of much companies and the second of the second of the ment as one attained in any other College. subject of much com- It should be second only ment. Mersover this "card" put forth in April received about the of Virginia.

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The Agricultural College at Blacks-burg.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

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the diplomas of our best classical colleges and universities. If the graduate is not encouraged by his diploma to enter into competition with the gradu ates of the best colleges in the learned professions, he finds himself equipped to be a very formidable competito: with practical farmers

> or mechanics who lack his special training.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

John R. Napier, a carpenter, fell dead in Richmond, yesterday, from apoplexy, produced by exocasive dricking.

Os Thursday, Colonel John Settle, near Jeffersonton, Culpeper county, killed seven wild turkers at two shots. One of the turkers weighed 27 pauads. A special detective of the postal service, has

arrested Isaze Carter, a negro train hand of the Rishmond and Danville rail: oad, charged with systematic depredations upon the mails. Mr. George C. Sandford, a sin lent of the

University, from Landoun county, Va., died at that institution on Saturday last. The immediate caus) of lis death was inflamation of the stomach. He was a mest promising young gentleman, and his death was a severa blew to his family and friends.

Frank Baker, a colored murderer, of Sussex county, was executed at the county court house in Petersburg yesterday for the murder of Henristta Shands and her child, near Stony Point, in August last. Only the officials and representatives of the press were permitted to witness the execution. Baker met his fate with the utmost indifference, and died without a struggle.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives yesterday appointed the following conmittee on the Yorktown Celebration : Messrs. Goods of Va., Hall of N. H., Loring of Mass... Aldrich of R. I., Hawley of Copn., Muller of N. Y., Bricham of N. J., Dick of Pa., Mortio of Dol., Talbat of Md., Davis of N. C., Richereson of S. C., and Persons of Georgis-one from each of the criginal thirteen States.

John Dean was excepted at Estellville, in Scott county, yesterday, for the marder of Harry Fugate, in June, 1877. The evidence upon which Dean was convicted was circum stantial. The murdered man was shot on the day in question whilst engaged in plowing in his field by some unseen fce. The maidered man had prosecuted the accused for perjury several weeks prior to the commission of the crime for which he was convicted. The condemned man deried his guilt.

COURT OF APPEALS YESTERDAY. - The petitien of Gen. II. Webb for a writ of error to a judgment rendered by the County Court of Carroll county on the 4 h of August, 1879, in a prosecution by the Commonwealth against the petitioner. Refused by all the judges. Wyath vs Kennedy et als. Argued in print

by Judge Robt. Oald for the appellant and St. G. Fi'zhugh for appellee, and the same sale Wyeth vs. Mahoney et als. Argued by Judge Robt. Ould for appellant, and S. G.

Firzhugh for appellees and submitted. In the cases of Poindexter against the Commonwealth and Biccigalupi against the Commonwealth, Colonel John B. Young appeared and argued the cruses in behalt of the plaintiffs

in error and submitted to the Court for deci-The Court adjugued until the 6.h of January

Dan Rice in a New Role.

Er. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20 .- Dan Rice, the famous circus man, announced last night that he had been converted and will at once enter the hold as an ovangelist. He has had an interview with Mr. Moody, who is now holding meetings hore, and will probably begin his new career by speaking at Mr. Moody's meetings, and then Jao. T. Levell, Wm. other professions and seek such fields as offer the best prospects of success in his new work.

Rurning of a Steamer. MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 20,-The steamboat Maggie Barke, which had just arrived at her whatf from Montgomery, caught fire and burned to the water's edge. About 1,300 bales of eatton were burned.

Mr. R. E. Little, a prominent lawyer of Richmond, Kg., was that and killed by his brother in law, James II. Arnold yesterday. The difficulty originated about a rote for \$2,000 given to equalize the shares of the estate of the children.

Ladies' Union Relief - Christmas Pound Party for the Poor. There will be a Christman pound party for

he paer held at the Relief room, on Tuesday. December 23, between the hours of 9 a. m. and p. m. We hope there will be a generous response to this effort to extend the blessing and brightness of Christmas day to the hamble homes of the poor of our city. Surely there can be no more acceptable "thanksgiving" for the comforts of our own happy firesides than this opportunity will furnish to all, young and old. We trust there will be few families in our town unrepresented by "a pound" (or more) of Christmas cheer for the homes that are so sadly destitute of even the peassaries of life, and whose only gleam of Christmas brightness must come from the kind hands and warm hearts of others. We desire particularly to interest the children in the pound party, which we hope to make a regular Christmas institution of Alexandria, and believe that there are few parents who will not encourage the warm impulses of their own happy little folks by sending, through their willing hands, contiibutions for the pound party for the poor.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

MANSION HOUSE, -J II Jones, Md; John Jackson, Vs; L Lech, Front Royal, Va; J B Hall, Fairfax Co Vs; J. J. Green, Balto, Md; Richard Magger, Green City; E P Gaines, Bristoe Station, Ve; John Milion, Ve; R M Stribling, Farquier Co Va.

TONTINE.—S P Bay'y, Va; W C Doug'as, Va; L R Ashby, Va; T Caro, Md; R T Thorp, Va; J E Tackett, Va; G W B Hale, Va; W A Edeler, Md; Thos Williams, Ill; R L Thomas,

Rancil, Mrs Millio Rober, John K Shelton, Harry L

Simpson, Mrs Mary M Slaughter, R C Williams, Celia Weadon, Mrs Elizabeth Lawis McKenzie, P. M.